

A RESOLUTION to honor the career of William V. "Bud" Huffman
upon his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should duly recognize those outstanding state employees who through their hard work and diligence have proven themselves to be invaluable servants of their state, and who are approaching significant milestones in their illustrious careers; and

WHEREAS, William V. "Bud" Huffman, manager of the Tipton and Lauderdale counties office for the Tennessee Department of Employment Security, has taken a much deserved retirement after over fifty years of public service that stands unparalleled in excellence in the annals of this great state's history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Huffman began his sterling career in employment security by helping farm workers, cotton choppers, and domestics find jobs; and

WHEREAS, in the early days of the Department of Employment Security, Mr. Huffman and others operated their office out of the jury room of the Tipton County courthouse when court was not in session; and

WHEREAS, it was during this time that Mr. Huffman remembers carrying around all of the office files in Omega flour boxes and reminisces about numerous G.I.'s standing in line to sign up for their readjustment allowances; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Huffman has received praise by many area employers, along with the Chamber of Commerce, for his efforts in recruiting and training high-quality, dependable workers, and has been commended for his efforts to keep prospective employers abreast of new developments in the law concerning industrial employment; and

WHEREAS, with his great interest in the welfare of his community, Mr. Huffman ran for a seat on the County Commission and was elected in 1955; and

WHEREAS, although serving only one term, Mr. Huffman remained interested in politics and served as the campaign manager for his son's County Executive campaign; and

WHEREAS, recognized for his lifetime of dedication and devotion to the city of Covington and Tipton and Fayette counties, Covington Mayor Russell Bailey declared December 13, 1994, "W.D. 'Bud' Huffman, Jr. Day" and held a reception in his honor; and

WHEREAS, it is rumored that even though Mr. Huffman is now retired, he will still be found each week at the Covington Parks and Recreation Center playing basketball and, when not playing ball himself, Mr. Huffman will probably be found watching his favorite University of Memphis Tigers basketball team; and

WHEREAS, for Mr. Huffman, retirement will also mean more time for his beloved daughters, Jan Hall, Ginger Carter, and Lee Anderson, his son Jeff, and his seven loving grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, even though he answered the tantalizing call of retirement on December 30, 1994, co-workers at the Department of Employment Security are sure that he will not only be greatly missed, but he will also leave behind a superior standard of excellence that will be hard to equal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the long and outstanding career of Mr. William V. "Bud" Huffman, that we congratulate him on his retirement, and that we wish him well in his new life.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Huffman with this final resolving clause deleted from such copy.

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